

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

The six hundred and seventy first meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on September 16, 2011, was called to order by Mr. Robert B. Hurd at 8:38 AM in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:	David H. Barkin Carole W. Briggs Robert B. Hurd S. Edward Jeter	Board Member Board Member Board Member Chairman/ Board Member
Board Members Not Present:	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member
Vacancy:	None	
Others Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich Peter R. Huntsman Fereshteh Bekhrad Joseph L. (last name not decipherable from sign -in sheet) Bruce Spiewak	Department of Consumer Protection Attorney General's Office Candidate for licensing Attorney for Ms. Bekhrad AIA/CT

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the July 15, 2011 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. Mr. Hurd noted that paragraph two under Agenda Item 2B be amended to read as follows: *“Mr. Hurd suggested that an outside entity such as AIA/CT could propose this legislation. In-turn, AIA/CT could then seek a legislator who sits on the General Law Committee (on the majority side) to sponsor the bill.”* In addition under Agenda Item 2F., the Board would like it made very clear that they are not happy with the format of the complaint reports being produced by the Trade Practices Division and asked their Chairman to address the matter in writing to the their Director. *After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Briggs/Hurd)*

1B. Report from Mr. David H. Barkin regarding request from Mr. Ahmed Dadi for consideration to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. Mr. Barkin has nothing to report at this point. It was noted that an attempt was made to contact Mr. Dadi by telephone by Mr. Barkin. Mr. Dadi did not return his call to date but did call Mr. Kuzmich. Mr. Kuzmich returned his telephone call but has not heard back from him to date. *As such, the Board voted to take no further action on this application until their November 18, 2011 Regular Meeting.*

1C. Draft letter concerning “Use Of The Term Architect”; update from Mr. S. Edward Jeter on the status of this letter. Mr. Hurd noted that the Board is trying to effect an explanation of this term that can be more broadly distributed to the public and provide a more pedestrian definition that is more easily understandable than the language of the statutes. Ms. Briggs noted the fact that there is an exemption in the statutes to provide architectural services without being licensed and questions whether this letter should make a provision for this fact. Several options for the additional language were discussed. Mr. Huntsman made note of the fact that although architectural services can be provided within this exemption by non-licensed individuals, they cannot call themselves architects. *After more extensive discussion, it was decided by the Board that Mr. Huntsman and Ms. Briggs will redraft this letter and present their version to the Board at their November 18, 2011 meeting. (Hurd/Briggs)*

1D. Application of Ms. Fereshteh Bekhrad for license by Waiver of Examination by Direct Endorsement; Ms. Bekhrad is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Ms. Bekhrad and her Attorney presented her professional and educational background in detail to the Board. She also presented the Board with a written Summary of her experience as a licensed architect.

Mr. Barkin has reviewed the documentation Ms. Bekhrad had previously submitted to the Architectural Licensing Board. He noted that she was permitted to take a verbal examination in the State of New York in 1992 based upon at least 10 years of practice as a principal outside of New York State. Ms. Bekhrad successfully passed the verbal exam and was awarded a New York State License to practice architecture in

1992. Her records indicate that her New York State license is current with her registration period ending on 10/31/11. Ms. Bekhrad requested licensure in the State of Connecticut through direct reciprocity. The work experience that allowed her to receive the New York State license to practice architecture was predominantly based on experience in Tehran, Iran with roughly 1.5 years in the United States. Ms. Bekhrad's application indicated her business name as "Elmhurst Inc. - Bekhrad Arch".

Ms. Bekhrad has been the Owner of Elmhurst Inc - Architecture and Planning since 1993. The business address for Elmhurst Inc. is New Haven, CT and appears to be predominantly a real estate development entity. Ms. Bekhrad's has a degree from Washington University. Mr. Barkin, in his written report to the Board, noted that her degree, in conjunction with her work experience would, in his opinion, qualify her to apply for licensure by written examination. However, she has applied for a license by waiver of examination based on her New York State License. At the time she received her New York State license in 1992, the verbal exam was permitted there based on outside experience. Mr. Barkin reported that in Connecticut, the circumstances under which Ms. Bekhrad obtained her license would not permit someone to obtain a license without passing the written exam.

Mr. Huntsman noted the statutes which state that the Board may accept in the case of any architect currently registered or licensed in another State in lieu of the examination, an NCARB Certificate Record or evidence satisfactory to the Board that such architect is registered in a State having registration requirements substantially equal to the licensure requirements of this State. This suggests that the licensure requirements had to be the same at that time or in the case of Ms. Bekhrad, 1992. The Statutes also state that, in addition, such architect has been practicing in such other State for a period of at least ten years.

Ms. Briggs stated that the Board does not consider the verbal examination that Ms. Bekhrad took in 1992 equivalent to what Connecticut required at that time. Technically, she does not meet Connecticut's requirements. Ms. Briggs questioned whether or not Ms. Bekhrad would qualify for an NCARB Certificate by way of the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA). This method of NCARB's evaluation was discussed in detail. It was noted that it is essentially an educational waiver in exchange for extensive architectural work experience. Ms. Briggs noted that the Board cannot evaluate Ms. Bekhrad's knowledge of structural design integrated with public health and safety issues based on the description of what she has done. Whereas NCARB can evaluate in more detail the substance of her experience and evaluate the same for the Board.

The Board recommended to Ms. Bekhrad that perhaps she should consider pursuing an NCARB Certificate Record by alternate means such as the BEA and as such, tabled her application until such time as she qualifies for licensure by Connecticut standards. (Hurd/Briggs)

2. New Business

2A. The following candidates have passed the Architect Registration Examination and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as Architects in the State of Connecticut; the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Briggs/Barkin)

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| 1. Sara Bronin | 4. Corey Nardone |
| 2. Derek Byron | 5. Clare F. Rainone |
| 3. Michelle N. Darling | 6. Bryce R. Sens |

2B. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination; the following individuals are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut on the basis of waiver of examination with an NCARB Certificate Record or by Direct Endorsement; Mr. Schwane noted that with candidate Mr. Brent Hienzer he entered into contractual agreements in Massachusetts before he was registered as an architect there. As a result he entered into an agreement which stipulated a fine of one thousand dollars and a one year probation period. Both Mr. Kuzmich and Mr. Schwane believe that this action has no bearing on his application for license in Connecticut and therefore, recommend that he be approved for licensing. As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut. (Briggs/Barkin)

1.	Andreas, Alan S.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 73565)
2.	Belanger, Philip O.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 48991)
3.	Bessolo, Kevin J.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 47837)
4.	Briski, Sean	Waiver of Examination; California	Direct
5.	Butler, Daniel H.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 84378)
6.	Fuller, David S.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 95520)
7.	Galioto, Carl	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 91748)
8.	Gillis, Karen T.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 521633)
9.	Giorgio, Anthony R.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 23797)
10.	Heitler, Joshua R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 87103)
11.	Heinzer, Brent T.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 64782)
12.	King, Paul S.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 102051)12
13.	Lu, Ning	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 113122)
14.	Lynch, James C.	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 69792)
15.	McCollum, Jr., Floyd W.	Waiver of Examination; Maine	(NCARB File No. 76055)
16.	McDonald, Peter	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 64866)
17.	Molinar, Elaine	Waiver of Examination; Norway	(NCARB File No. 305213)
18.	Parker, Jeffrey	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 57195)
19.	Robson, Thomas H.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 31315)

20.	Rubin, Michael L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 26599)
21.	Schaefer, David A.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	Direct
22.	Schuelke, Thomas A.	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 28025)
23.	Shepherd, Kennalee B.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 82002)
24.	Shinkle, Jeffrey H.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 63920)

2C. Application for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following applications; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture in Connecticut. (Briggs/Barkin)*

Streetsense Architecture, Inc.
4600 West West Highway, Ste 800
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Herbert Heiserman, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12251

2D. Update from the Department’s Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Schwane stated that on August 1, 2011, he corresponded with Mr. Gary Berner, the Department’s Legislative Liaison, regarding the Boards request for their specific legislation. Mr. Berner’s response was as expected noting that he feels the Department will, again, be very limited in terms of what they present as their package and will most likely not include the Board’s requests. Based upon this information, the Board will assume that their package has to go through another entity in order to have a chance to be heard.

2E. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM. (Hurd/Briggs) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator